

Q1: Will there be a comment period? Could we offer a longer term lease plan with options to purchase at the end of any month at a fixed rate?

A1: There is no comment period for this supply procurement.

NASA anticipates having funding to purchase the Laser Cutter within the calendar year 2016. NASA wants to minimize lease rates and overall cost. There is always the chance funding will not become available. Offerors shall plan accordingly. If NASA purchases the Laser Cutter, we anticipate that some of these costs should go toward reducing the overall purchase price of the Laser Cutter.

Q2: I wanted to reach out to you today concerning the upcoming RFQ for a CO2 Laser Cutting System. I understand you are looking for 6 month lease with option to purchase at term. I am currently working X firm who is planning on submitting a quote for this contract. They are planning on using a specific model for the machine. I wanted to get your understanding of the transaction process since they will be the ones doing the lease for NASA. When you have a moment can you please give me a call to discuss this?

A2: We are not addressing questions via telephone. If award is made following this solicitation, NASA would have no privity of contract with a subcontractor, and no control over the purchase order that successful contractor would execute to subcontractor. NASA does not dictate contractor's invoice processing. Payments from NASA are net 30 days upon delivery of acceptable invoice. Invoicing is made upon performance of services, and upon completion of monthly leasing period. No more than one payment per month will be made during the course of this contract. Once a purchase order is executed it will be sent to the prime for delivery and processing. Once the laser system is delivered to NASA and properly set up and tested, the end-user will determine acceptability and invoicing and payment for CLIN 0001 can be made. Following that, monthly lease payments will be made following receipt of acceptable invoice, net 30 days.

Q3: Please clarify the definition of turnkey. Does RFQ include any site work such as concrete foundation work or electrical work? If so, are these items included in the bid?

A3: NASA is responsible for site preparation including foundation and electrical panel. This work should not be included in the offeror's pricing.

Q4: Is a tank for the laser gas needed? If so, is it included in the bid?

A4: Supplier shall provide a tank for the laser gas and include it in the offered pricing.

Q5: Who is the current gas vendor who supplies gasses to the shop?

A5: NASA uses a variety of gas suppliers. Local vendors that NASA has used in the past include Madco Welding Supply (Middlefield road, Mountain View CA) and/or Praxair Welding and Gas Supply Company (De La Cruz Blvd. Santa Clara Ca). Note that NASA

does not endorse the use of any particular company and it is the responsibility of each offeror to determine the best method and supplier to meet their needs.

Q6: Can vendor go through the vendor that the shop uses to purchase gas?

A6: NASA does not interfere with commercial practices of the firms. Note that NASA does not endorse the use of any particular company; it is the responsibility of each offeror to determine the best method and supplier to meet their needs.

Q7: Only large businesses over 500 employees are Manufacturers of Machine tools we are small government contracting and leasing company who will buy the equipment and lease to the government. Please allow for Distributors/Wholesalers of Machine Tools 423830 as the appropriate NAICS.

A7: We are prohibited from using NAICS codes classified in Sector 42 – Wholesale Trade. In accordance with 13 CFR 121.201, “These NAICS codes shall not be used to classify Government acquisitions for supplies. They also shall not be used by Federal government contractors when subcontracting for the acquisition for supplies. The applicable manufacturing NAICS code shall be used to classify acquisitions for supplies. A Wholesale Trade or Retail Trade business concern submitting an offer or a quote on a supply acquisition is categorized as a “nonmanufacturer” and deemed small if it has 500 or fewer employees and meets the requirements of 13 CFR 121.406.”

Note: This procurement is not a small business set aside.

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